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PATENT CASE: JB01587

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Appl. No. : 10/679,987 Confirmation No. 4551
Applicant : Malcolm et al.
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January 11, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006 in the above-referenced application. Filed concurrently herewith is a petition for a three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), extending the term for responding to the Office Action until January 11, 2007, along with provision for payment of the required petition fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.